

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Washington State Archives is the official repository for our state's legal and historical records and contains the rich and diverse heritage of its people; and

WHEREAS, archival institutions are vital to collecting, organizing, preserving, and making available the public records that document the history of the state of Washington and the essential evidence of the nation; and

WHEREAS, the archives collectively contain over 150 years of unique materials including records from all governor's since 1853, original laws of the legislature, decisions of the supreme court, hand-written diaries, territorial maps, and photographic images; and

WHEREAS, archivists across Washington State are dedicated to preserving and maintaining records in the public trust, and making those records available for study and appreciation, both in local repositories throughout the state and via the Internet; and

WHEREAS, through these archives future generations of Washington State citizens can study the past, learn from the accomplishments of their predecessors, trace their ancestors, understand their community's pride of place, confirm property rights, and maintain laws, while celebrating the history of our state;

WHEREAS, the theme for the annual Archives Week in Washington State is "Archives Among Us";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 9-13, 2006, as

Archives Week

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to explore the treasures contained in local archival repositories across the state.



Signed this 1st day of September, 2006

Chris Gregoire
Governor Christine O. Gregoire